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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : METHOD OF FORMING BARBS ON A SUTURE  
AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING SAME  
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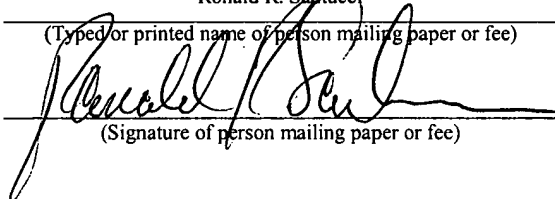
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), Applicant hereby requests a two- month extension of the period for response to the February 10, 2004 Final Office Action. A grant of this request will reset the due date from May 10, 2004 until July 10, 2004. The requisite fee for this two-month extension of time for a small entity (\$210) is also included in the enclosed check for \$384. Also included in the enclosed check for \$384 is the requisite fee to add another dependent claim to this application (for a small entity \$9) and the requisite fee for a notice of appeal for a small entity (\$165).